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In response to the Office Action of April 24, 2002, the following is submitted:

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Response*

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects claims 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Sckiguchi '155

Sckiguchi, '155, however, is not prior art. The present case is a PCT case having a PCT International Application filing date of May 27, 1998. The '155 reference has a U. S. filing date of June 30, 1998. Therefore, the '155 patent is not a reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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